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The Honorable Lindsay C. Warren
Comptroller General
General Accounting Office
Washington 25, D. C.

          RE: Terminal leave payments to employees
              in grade GS-15 and above who left
              the Federal Service during the period
              November 1, 1952, to February 15, 1953.

Dear Mr. Warren:

    Receipt is acknowledged of the communication of 16
February 1953 from the Acting Comptroller General asking
for subject information, pursuant to a request received
from the Committee on Appropriations, House of Represent-
atives.

    As you are aware, Congress specifically made the
Director of Central Intelligence responsible for the pro-
tection of intelligence sources and methods from un-
authorized disclosure (paragraph 102(d)(3) of the National
Security Act of 1947), and pursuant to this responsibility
and in order further to implement it, provided in Section 7
of the Central Intelligence Act of 1949 that the Agency
shall be exempted from the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 654 and
the provisions of any other laws which require the publica-
tion or disclosure of the organization, functions, names,
official titles, salaries or number of personnel employed
by the Agency. This section further provided that in fur-
therance of its provision, the Director of the Bureau of
the Budget shall make no reports to the Congress in connec-
tion with the Agency under 5 U.S.C. 947 (b). This provision
of law was enacted on the grounds that the personnel figures
and facts of this Agency are of most secret nature and their
revelation would be of great assistance to enemy or inimical
foreign powers.

We believe, therefore, that the Congress will want to continue the protection of this information and will accordingly wish to exempt this Agency from submitting the information you request.

We regret the inadvertent delay in replying more promptly to your communication.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

WALTER REID WOLF
Deputy Director

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